

ROYAL ARCANUM ELECTS OFFICERS

Mr. Bickers Past Grand Regent and Mr. Avery, of Norfolk, Grand Regent.

MR. HARRY KEMP RETIRES

Declines to Accept Nomination as Grand Warden—Presents Name of Mr. R. C. Stearnes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., April 16.—About one hundred officers and delegates from all parts of the State are in the city today in attendance upon the twenty-fifth session of Grand Council, Royal Arcanum of Virginia, which convened here this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The opening session was called to order by Grand Regent William M. Bickers, of Richmond, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, on Main Street. The address of welcome to the visiting delegates was delivered by Rev. J. Cleveland Hall, who, in an appropriate speech, expressed his pleasure and the pleasure of the people of Danville to have the Grand Council here. The address of Mr. Hall was responded to by the grand regent.

The business transacted at the session this afternoon was merely of a routine nature. Organizations were perfected and the committee on credentials which started to work this morning submitted a report of the number of delegates in the city and the lodges represented. Reports from the various councils were submitted, as well as the reports of the grand officers.

Avery Grand Regent.

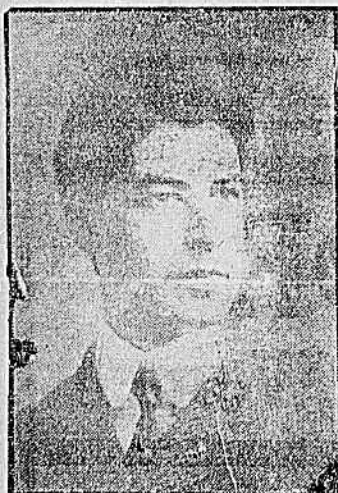
To-night the election of officers and installation of same by Past Grand Regent Jas. M. Washburne, of Jersey City, N. J., took place.

The following is a list of officers elected: W. M. Bickers, of Richmond, past grand regent; Howard G. Avery, of Norfolk, grand regent; James McCord, of Roanoke, grand vice-regent; W. T. Dabney, of Richmond, grand orator; James B. Blanks, of Petersburg, grand secretary; Anne B. H. Field, of Fredericksburg, grand chaplain; Minnie F. Folkes, of Richmond, grand guide; L. C. Starnes, of Salem, grand warden; S. H. Sayre, of Hampton, grand scribe.

Mr. Harry Kemp, of Richmond, who has served as grand scribe for the past year, declined nomination as grand warden in a most graceful speech and nominated Mr. Stearnes in his stead.

The council was in session until 11 o'clock to-night, when it adjourned until 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. The sessions of to-morrow will be purely routine and will consist for the most part of reports from various councils. Final adjournment will probably be taken at to-morrow night's session.

RICHMOND MEN WHO FIGURE PROMINENTLY AT MEETING



MR. W. FLOYD REAMS, Who represents banner council, Henrico No. 733, at Royal Arcanum meeting.



MR. R. C. STEARNES, Richmond man, who was elected grand warden of Royal Arcanum in Danville yesterday.

Woman's Nightmare

No woman's happiness can be complete without children; it is her nature to love and want them as much as it is to love the beautiful and pure. The critical ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so fraught with dread, pain, suffering and danger, that the very thought of it fills her with apprehension and horror. There is no necessity for the reproduction of life to be either painful or dangerous. The use of Mother's Friend so prepares the system for the coming event that it is safely passed without any danger. This great and wonderful remedy is always applied externally, and has carried thousands of women through the trying crisis without suffering.

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SENDS BULLET THROUGH BRAIN

Whether Russell B. Ward Killed Himself Intentionally or by Accident Unknown.

NEGRO COMPANION ARRESTED

This Man Says Ward Committed Suicide—Lady Claims Heavy Damages.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., April 16.—Russell Ward, thirty-five years old, who conducted a saloon and grocery store on the corner of Wilson Road and Vine Street, in Berkeley, is dead from the effects of a pistol shot through his head fired by his own hand.

Two relatives of the dead man claim that the shooting was accidental, while the only witness to the affair says it was intentional. Ward, accompanied by a negro named "Bill," started for Princess Anne county yesterday afternoon to buy cattle. The negro says that when near Kennebec, in Berkeley, he and Ward were sitting down by the side of the road, exclaiming that he did not see any use in living any longer. Whereupon he fired the shot which resulted shortly after in his death.

At the time of the tragedy Ward had with him several hundred dollars, with which he intended paying for the cattle. Owing to the circumstances surrounding the case, the negro was arrested by the Princess Anne authorities.

Damaged by Cemetery.

In the Norfolk County Circuit Court today the heirs of the \$20,000 damage suit of Mrs. Grace E. Lamford against the city of Norfolk was heard. The plaintiff claims that her farm was injured to that amount by the establishment of a public cemetery on the adjoining property.

Dog Bites Child's Head.

Four dollars, which was given, said the court, was severely bitten about the head to-day by a large setter dog. The owner of the dog said that it had recently bitten two other people, and he was perfectly willing that it should be shot.

Apparently the dog was not mad, but its head will be sent to the Pasteur Institute for examination.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Selection of Randolph-Macon's Orator Takes Place To-Morrow.

ASHLAND, VA., April 16.—The preliminary contest for selecting the orator for the Virginia State oratorical contest will take place in the college chapel here this afternoon, April 18th. This contest will take place in Roanoke this year, and Randolph-Macon will send her best speaker. The preliminary demonstration here will be between Messrs. Turner Harris and Richard Lancaster, of the Franklin Society, and Messrs. W. F. Dolly and Walter W. Barnhardt, of the Washington Society.

The regular public debate of the Franklin Literary Society of Randolph-Macon College will take place next Friday night in the chapel here. Emory and Henry College and Randolph-Macon baseball teams will meet on the local grounds here on Thursday evening, April 18th.

A stated communication of Ashland Lodge, No. 148, Masons, will be held in the Masonic hall here on Thursday evening, April 18th, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. I. N. Vaughan and family will leave the Henry Clay Inn to-morrow to spend the spring and summer at their country home near here, "Passana."

Two of the three negro boys who escaped from the negro reformatory in this county were captured here to-day, and will be immediately taken back to the school.

The first regular examination of public school teachers will be held here on May 2d, 3d and 4th, at 9 o'clock A. M., in Crew's Hall, by order of Superintendent Redd.

Dr. Carter, of the Baltimore Conference, is visiting his son here, Dr. J. H. Carter, who is a member of the faculty of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoofnagle, of Richmond, were visitors in Ashland on Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. R. E. Blackwell has sufficiently recovered to resume his duties as president of the college.

KILLING STOPS EXERCISES

Shooting of Negro Boy at School Finals Causes Excitement.

BUCHANAN, VA., April 16.—At the closing exercises of a negro school near Indian Rock, Friday night, Landon Chenham, a colored youth, was killed. A pistol-shot was heard by those inside, and on going out to find the cause, the lifeless body was found near the door, his clothing on fire where the bullet had entered. There was much excitement and the exercises were brought to a close. It was not known until Saturday night who had done the shooting, then Frank Blake, colored, acknowledged that he had done it and gave himself up to the officers. At the preliminary examination to-day, he claimed that the shooting was accidental. The two were handling his pistol trying to get up a trade when it was discharged. Blake was so frightened that he ran off and boarded a freight train. He went as

Spasms St. Vitus' Dance

Many persons who suffered untold agonies from epilepsy, fits, spasms, and St. Vitus' Dance are to-day well. The strengthening influence of Dr. Miles' Nervine upon the shattered nerves having restored them to perfect health.

"I endured agony that words cannot express from St. Vitus' dance, which followed a very severe spell of rheumatism. I doctored with a physician, but the more I took of his medicine the worse I got. My mother's advice saved me, for she had become almost heart-broken, as well as physically exhausted from constant care. She gave me a bottle of Dr. Miles' Nervine. From the first dose to the last a continual flow of blood came from my head, and when I had taken eleven bottles I was well, and in robust health."

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far as Clifton Forge, when he decided that he would return and give himself up. Justices Mandy, Vines and Garret, acting up the bank of one thousand dollars which was given.

EXHUME MINISTER'S BODY

Second Funeral Service Held Over Remains.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, VA., April 16.—The body of Rev. Richard Edwards, who died in Modestown, Accomac county, where he was engaged in pastoral work, on February 13th, was exhumed from its temporary resting place and brought to this county and buried in the cemetery adjoining Old Farmham Baptist Church, of which Mr. Edwards was for 14 years pastor. Services which were attended by about 300 people to commemorate the occasion, were held in the church here. Rev. W. H. Wilson, G. V. Bradley, J. W. Street and Rev. A. D. Reynolds, paid glowing tributes to the great work of Mr. Edwards as a minister and pastor. Mr. Edwards was interred with Masonic honors by Bauman Lodge, No. 282, A. F. & A. M. of Masons.

CONSOLIDATE COLLEGES.

Washington and Tusculum, Ancient Schools, Agree to Unite.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, VA., April 16.—The proposition to unite Tusculum and Washington Colleges, the two oldest and best institutions of learning west of the Alleghany Mountains, institutions which were established by Dr. Samuel Doak, the pioneer of Revolutionary times, has been practically agreed to by all parties concerned.

Washington College submitted an amendment upon which a final decision depended. Tusculum College, through its board of trustees, has concurred in this amendment, and it now appears that there is nothing left except the task of financing the scheme. Washington College has an endowment of \$100,000 and a building fund of \$75,000. These will go to the combined institution, and somewhere in upper East Tennessee, a new and more splendid institution will be built, probably to be known as Washington and Tusculum College. The old colleges will reduce to the rank of an academy, and will be used as preparatory schools in connection with the new institution.

NOMINATE COAKLEY.

Republicans of Stafford County Select Him to Run for Treasurer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 16.—The Republican of Stafford county, in convention at Stafford Courthouse, nominated D. W. Coakley, for Republican candidate for the treasurer in the coming election. C. Norman Knight as nominated as the party's candidate for sheriff over Walter Wamsley, Republican incumbent.

Delegates were elected to the Congressional, sectional and local Republican Convention. The delegates were instructed to vote for W. T. Paynes, of House of Delegates.

EXTRACTS BALL.

By Order of Court Bullet Is Removed from Negro's Leg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 16.—Howard Smith, counsel for William Milgrets, the negro in jail here under sentence to be hanged for the murder of C. T. Smith, of Alexandria, had an order from Judge Barney, of the Alexandria Corporation Court, to have the bullet extracted from Milgrets' leg. Accordingly, Dr. William J. Chevering extracted the ball, which weighed seventy-one grains. The object was to secure evidence in a proposed appeal. The defense claims that Milgrets was shot with a thirty-two caliber ball, which weighs more than seventy-one grains.

ASK FOR RECOUNT.

Petition Roanoke Council to Re-open Primary Matter.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROANOKE, VA., April 16.—At the meeting of the Democratic City Council to-night, E. L. Keyser, the defeated candidate for the nomination for the House of Delegates, and A. B. Coleman, for the Senate, filed applications for a recount of the vote cast in the primary election last Saturday. The Council decided to grant the complaint on the 23d. The Council found on the faces of the returns one vote for A. B. Hurt, giving him nine majority over Keyser, and John M. Hart thirty-four over Coleman.

INJURIES FATAL.

R. S. McCormick, Who Was Struck by Car, Succumbs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROANOKE, VA., April 16.—R. S. McCormick, a bridge worker, foreman of the Norfolk and Western, who was struck by a car last Friday while he was crossing the trestle at the foot of the bridge, died last night from the injuries. He was forty-four years of age, and leaves a widow and two children. His remains were taken to Pulaski for interment.

NOT ONE ABSENT FROM INSPECTION

Petersburg Grays Make Splendid Showing Before Colonel Dempsey.

HAS YOUNG MAN "UP"

But He Was Acting Under Interstate Commerce Laws and Charges Fall Through.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, VA., April 16.—The Petersburg Grays, Company G, Seventy-second Regiment, Virginia Infantry, Volunteers, made a first-class showing, with every member in line, at the inspection by Colonel C. A. Dempsey, United States Army, retired, at their armory last night, scoring one hundred per cent. After the drill the soldiers were inspected for new dress uniforms, the contract for making which was recently awarded to a Philadelphia firm.

Grazier Encampment, No. 7, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will celebrate the sixty-seventh anniversary of its institution to-morrow evening, and will have among its guests prominent members of the order from different sections of the State, who will make addresses. Nelson Encampment, of Richmond, has been invited.

Corporal William A. Allen, who has been in charge of the local recruiting office for the United States Army, left last night for Columbia, Ohio, to which place he has been transferred. Corporal Conway, of the Richmond recruiting office, is to succeed him.

Case Is Dismissed.

In the Mayor's court this morning James H. Leath was charged in a warrant sworn out by R. L. Bowman, a well-known druggist in this city, with violating the city tax ordinance by distributing pamphlets and samples of medicine without license, but was discharged after it was shown that he was distributing matter for persons outside of this city and State, and was thus working under the interstate commerce law. He was represented by J. Morton Townsend, of Bernard and Townsend.

Captain Asa Rogers is at the Home for the Sick, where he has been operated on by Dr. Stuart McGuire, of Richmond. Mrs. Margaret Coleman Rahilly, wife of Mr. William J. Rahilly, died suddenly at an early hour this morning from acute indigestion. Mrs. Rahilly had been sick for several days, but her death was entirely unexpected. She was a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Coleman and sister of Messrs. John J. and James P. Coleman, of this city, and of Rev. Father David Coleman, of Manchester. Mrs. Rahilly is survived by her husband and five little children.

Death of Mrs. Morrison.

Mrs. Sallie B. Morrison, wife of Mr. C. Stanley Morrison, died at the Home for the Sick about 4 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Morrison had been in ill health for some time, and came to Petersburg several weeks ago for treatment. She had resided in Petersburg for several years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bowser, of this city. Mrs. Morrison is survived by her husband and five children.

MONUMENT ARRIVES.

Memory of Those of 23d New Jersey Will Be Perpetuated.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 16.—The large monument to be erected at Salem Church, in Spotsylvania county, four miles from this city, by the survivors of the Twenty-third New Jersey Regiment, to the memory of the members of that regiment who fell in battle during the Civil War on the Spotsylvania battlefields, has arrived here and will be hauled out and put in place ready for the unveiling, which will take place with elaborate ceremonies on May 3d.

W. A. Mills, of Stafford county, found imbedded in the bank on the Stafford side of the Rappahannock River, about two miles above this city, a twenty-four pound solid shot, which evidently was fired there during the Civil War about forty-five years ago. Owing to the high winds and cold weather, fish are still scarce and high. Herring are selling at \$1 per hundred; shad from 40 to 50 cents each; perch 20 to 50 cents per bunch.

WANT PART OF MILLION.

Descendants of the Cherokee Indians Springing Up in Tennessee.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, VA., April 16.—George P. Boren, a special representative of the Department of Justice, states that a large number of claims have been filed in East Tennessee in connection with the \$1,000,000 that is soon to be distributed by the government among descendants of the tribe of Cherokee Indians east of the Mississippi. The descendants of the tribe appear to be largely in East Tennessee and Northern Georgia. More than 600 claims from Chattanooga alone have been filed, while Atlanta is represented with more than a hundred claims. Of course, not all claims filed will be allowed, since every individual will have to prove his or her claim to Cherokee blood to the full satisfaction of the government.

Eastern Shore Alumni.

ONANOOK, VA., April 16.—The annual meeting of the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Alumni of the University of Virginia was held at Accomac Courthouse Saturday afternoon. The attendance was large.

Professor Ormond Stone, of the university, made the principal address. At the business meeting Mr. James R. Fletcher, Jr., was elected chairman, and Warner Ames delegate to the university finals. In the evening a banquet was served at the Hotel Doughty. Responses to toasts were made by Mr. Stewart K. Powell, of Accomac, Thomas Robertson, of Northampton, and others.



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